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**RIVERSIDE CHOSEN ONE OF WORLD'S TOP 21  
MOST INTELLIGENT COMMUNITIES**

**Riverside, CA** - The City of Riverside has been chosen as one of 21 cities worldwide to receive the distinctive Smart21 Communities award. Garnered from 13 nations, Riverside was one of only six U.S. Cities to receive the recognition. Gaining a place among the Smart21 is considered a badge of honor and Riverside shares this distinction with cities across the globe such as Dundee, Scotland; Tel Aviv, Israel; Arlington County, Virginia; Ottawa, Canada; and Tallinn City, Estonia.

The Smart21 designation awarded by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) recognizes the City of Riverside for its commitment to broadband, innovation and a knowledge-economy. Riverside was specifically recognized for leadership in municipal WiFi, expansive Digital Inclusion Program, SmartRiverside technology initiatives, e-waste processing, collaboration with universities and private technology CEO's, and other high tech advancements.

Mayor of Riverside and Chair of the SmartRiverside Board of Directors Ron Loveridge celebrated this extraordinary accomplishment saying: "The Smart21 designation is a significant honor recognizing that Riverside is a world leader in innovation and municipal technologies."

Based on nominations submitted by communities large and small from around the world, ICF selects 21 finalists honored as a Smart21 Community. From the Smart21, the ICF chooses its Top Seven Intelligent Communities of the Year, and ultimately one city in that group will be named Intelligent Community of the Year in May at the annual ICF Summit in New York.

"We couldn't be prouder that Riverside is being recognized in this manner," said Steve Reneker, CIO of the City of Riverside and executive director of SmartRiverside. "The partnership between the SmartRiverside Board and the City of Riverside has proven to be a very effective tool in innovating and advancing technology in our City."

**About The Intelligent Community Forum**

The Intelligent Community Forum is a think tank that studies the economic and social development of the 21st Century community. Whether in industrialized or developing nations, communities are challenged to create prosperity, stability and cultural meaning in a world where jobs, investment and knowledge increasingly depend on advances in communications. ICF seeks to share the best practices of the world's Intelligent Communities in adapting to the demands of the Broadband Economy, in order to help communities everywhere find sustainable renewal and growth. For more information visit [www.intelligentcommunity.org](http://www.intelligentcommunity.org)

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